

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 2 and 3. Please amend claims 1, 4-7, 11 and 13-17 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in underline, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~):

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing print job costs, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an electronic print job request, the print job request having a set of attributes;

~~displaying the set of attributes;~~

prior to printing the print job, calculating a cost of the electronic print job via a computer using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the cost of the electronic print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors; and

displaying the calculated cost of the electronic print job.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the consumable factors include one or more of media cost, cost and binding material cost, ~~and printer technology cost.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein calculating the cost of the electronic print job includes ~~a cost~~ calculating an actual cost of mailing.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein calculating the actual cost of mailing includes ~~an estimated~~ calculating a postage cost based on a set of postage determining factors.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the postage determining factors include one or more of media weight, ~~printer technology~~, print format, and binding options.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
presenting a menu of business rules;
receiving a selection of a business rule;
modifying the set of attributes to comply with the selected business rule;
re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the modified set of attributes; and
displaying the re-calculated cost.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;
re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and
displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing print job postage costs, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an electronic print job request, the print job having a set of attributes;

calculating a preliminary cost of the print job with a computer using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the preliminary cost of the print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors;

presenting a menu of business rules;

receiving a selection of one of the business rules;

adjusting the set of attributes in response to the selection of one of the business rules; and

calculating a final cost based on the adjusted set of attributes.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, which further comprises displaying the final cost.

13. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a processor, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform method steps for managing print job costs, the method steps comprising:

providing an electronic print job request, the print job request having a set of attributes;

displaying the set of attributes;

prior to printing the print job, calculating a cost of the electronic print job using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the cost of the electronic print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors; and

displaying the calculated cost of the electronic print job.

14. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 13, wherein the method further comprising:

presenting a menu of business rules;

receiving a selection of a business rule;

modifying the set of attributes to comply with the selected business rule; re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the re-calculated cost.

15. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 14, wherein the method further comprising:

receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

16. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim ~~14~~ 13, further comprising:

receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

17. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a processor, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform method steps for managing print job costs, the method steps comprising:

receiving an electronic print job request, the print job having a set of attributes;

calculating a preliminary cost of the print job using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the preliminary cost of the print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors;

presenting a menu of business rules;

receiving a selection of one of the business rules;

adjusting the set of attributes in response to the selection of one of the business rules; and

calculating a final cost based on the adjusted set of attributes.

18. (Original) The program storage device of claim 17, which further comprises displaying the final cost.